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I'm writing to express my opinion on the antitrust case against Microsoft. What must be taken into account is how much Microsoft has given the world. Not only technology, but jobs, products, entire industries. Microsoft revolutionized personal computers in a way that has improved the lives of most everyone I know. The simplification of personal computing has made it possible for any one of any age and background to utilize technology. Why must Microsoft be punished for success? There is no logic to that. Human beings evolve and make improvements not because they are being "fair" ... technology and business are not polite playground play. It benefits no one to punish Microsoft for success. It benefits us all to encourage achievement. Microsoft would not be seen as threatening if it had not earned the undeniable excellence with the consumer, creating standards in the industry that were challenging to stay abreast of. Competition is the healthiest motivater; it keeps us all reaching higher and higher, improving and strengthening and evolving. If we punish success, we endanger our very evolution.